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TAGS: ENRG AS  
SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS: GOA REQUEST ON US OFF- SHORE LEASES

1. SORBY, PRESS SECRETARY TO MINISTER FOR FUELS AND ENERGY CONNOR, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING OFF- SHORE NATURAL GAS LEASES IN ALASKA, LOUISIANA AND OTHER STATES. GOA PLANS MAJOR CHANGES IN PRESENT JOINT STATE- COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF GRANTING OFF- SHORE OIL AND GAS LEASES. MINISTER WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER USG AUCTIONS LEASES AND OTHER DETAILS US PROCEDURES.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS INTERIOR AIR POUCH ANY PUBLISHED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THIS TOPIC. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF US SYSTEM FOR GRANTING OFF- SHORE GAS LEASES.

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